Awareness of welfare schemes

2890. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) in what manner the Ministry is using electronic and print media to generate awareness among the persons belonging to SCs/STs/OBCs and disabled, particularly who are residing in remote, far-flung and hilly areas, about the various schemes and programmes of this Ministry;

(b) whether the Ministry has prepared any statistics of such people from Andhra Pradesh, so as to effectively implement the schemes and programmes;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the amount spent on such people during the last five years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) The Ministry is utilizing the services of Department of Audio Visual Publicity of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting for awareness generation and publicity through various forms of mass media like print, electronic and outdoor for wider dissemination of information on various schemes/programmes of the Ministry among the persons belonging to SCs/STs/OBCs and disabled.

(b) to (d) No Sir.

National Policy on Older Persons

2891. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the National Policy on Older Persons;

(b) what legal safeguards under the above Policy have been provided to older persons in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) what special schemes the Ministry has under the NPOP, for providing financial security to older people in the country, with particular reference to Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) The National Policy on Older Persons (NPOP) envisages to encourage families to take care of their older family members, to provide care and protection to the vulnerable elderly people, to provide health care facility to the elderly, to promote research and training facilities to train geriatric care givers and organizers of services for the elderly, etc.

(b) The Director General of Police, Hyderabad issued instructions to the Commissioners of Police and Superintendents of Police to constitute advisory